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Shri Morarji R. Desai,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

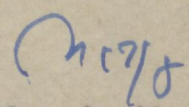
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I am proceeding on leave to Wardha tomorrow and later to Madras for some urgent family matters. It is hence I have taken the liberty of writing this letter to you.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


M. S. Swaminathan

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Prime Minister of India
New Delhi

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L. N. S. Swaminathan

Shri Prakash Singh Badal,
Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation
Government of India
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

~~Since the last~~ I had been looking forward to an opportunity to meet you before proceeding ~~on~~ leave to renew the request I made in August, 1976 to the former Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation (Shri Jagjivan Ram) ~~and to that~~ that I may be permitted to return to a research and teaching career at the end of 5 years of service as Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Secretary to the Government of India (vide copy of note enclosed). It is

~~because of~~ my firm belief that research management posts should be rotational

and this why ~~that~~ I ~~made the request~~ ^{requested} to the ~~December,~~ late Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad in ¹⁹⁷¹ that I may ^{to permit me} be permitted to accept the post of D.G., ICAR only for 5 years. Also, I have become

increasingly interested in the application
of ~~synergetics~~ in the principles of synergy
~~synergetics~~ in agricultural and rural development.
I believe that unless we work intensively
on developing an agriculture in which
synergy, symbiosis and recycling are
basic principles, ~~it~~ ~~with~~ our agricultural
future will be dim. I have discussed
this briefly in pages 52-53 of the
enclosed Sardar Patel Memorial lectures
delivered over the All India Radio in 1973.

The former Minister for Agriculture
and Irrigation had however desired that
I should continue for a further period
of 5 years. In compliance ^{with} ~~of~~ his orders
indicated in the enclosed note, I have
continued in the job beyond 14.1.1977,
the date on which I had requested
to be relieved.

I have since given considerable
thought to my future work. I find
that the urge to return to ^{an active} ~~the~~ research

career in agriculture and rural development is compelling. I shall hence be grateful if you would appreciate my point of view and permit me to relinquish the post of Director General, ICAR and Secretary to the Department of Agricultural Research and Education.

It is my conviction that for the healthy growth of science in our country, scientists while responding to the call of Government to shoulder administrative and managerial responsibilities, should remain rooted in science. Equally strong is my conviction that scientific work must be judged by peers in one's ^{own} field. In view of some doubts raised about my scientific integrity, I may be pardoned if I point out that my scientific worth has been tested and recognised by our own and some

the
of world's leading scientific academies
including the Royal Society of London and the National Academy of
Sciences of the United States
My greatest satisfaction has, however,
not been so much the recognition
received from the Scientific Academies
but ~~has been~~ from the fruitful
application of ~~results~~ ^{my work} ~~science~~ in
increasing crop production, ~~rendered~~
possible by the receptivity of our
farmers and the whole hearted support
of Government.

I assure you, Sir, of my continued
dedication to the cause of agricultural
~~and rural~~ research and ^{rural} development
in our country. With ~~such~~ a
~~distinguished~~ farmer - statesman of
your eminence to head the Agriculture
Ministry, there is every hope that
we can look forward soon to the
day when no child, man or
woman will go to bed hungry in
our country.

I have taken
the liberty of sending
a copy of this
letter to the Prime Minister

Yours sincerely
C. R. S. Swaminath,